



115TH CONGRESS
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Commemorating the 230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution
of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 230th anniversary of the signing of
the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas, on September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the
United States was signed by 39 delegates from 12 States;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States was subse-
quently ratified by each of the original 13 States;

Whereas James Madison and the other delegates drafted the
Constitution of the United States “in Order to form a
more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic
Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the
general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty” for
the people of the United States;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States has provided
the means and structure for the United States and the

people of the United States to achieve a level of prosperity, liberty, security, and justice that is unparalleled among nations;

Whereas the contributions of the Constitution of the United States to the welfare of individuals reach far beyond the borders of the United States;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States—

(1) was the first permanent constitution in the world adopted by elected representatives;

(2) includes seminal ideas about individual rights, the separation of powers, and the rule of law; and

(3) has inspired the constitutional systems of government of countries throughout the world;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States has been amended 27 times since its adoption and includes amendments that reflect the will of the people of the United States “to form a more perfect Union”, such as amendments to recognize and protect individual rights, eliminate slavery, and expand the franchise;

Whereas the Senate continues to strive to preserve and strengthen the values and rights bestowed on the United States and the people of the United States by the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas the preservation in the hearts and minds of the people of the United States of the values and rights expressed in the Constitution of the United States would be advanced by an official recognition on September 17, 2017, of the 230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) on September 17, 2017, commemorates the
2 230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution
3 of the United States; and

4 (2) calls on the people of the United States to
5 observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and re-
6 spect, including by reading the Constitution of the
7 United States and reflecting on the enduring struc-
8 ture of government built by the Founders and suc-
9 cessive generations of people of the United States.